

**Introduced by Senators Negrete McLeod and Margett**  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Soto)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11—Relative to the Correctional Officer Manuel A. Gonzalez, Jr. Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 11, as introduced, Negrete McLeod. Correctional Officer Manuel A. Gonzalez, Jr. Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the portion of State Highway Route 71 between State Highway Route 60 and Central Avenue in San Bernardino County as the Correctional Officer Manuel A. Gonzalez, Jr. Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, The state suffered a tragic loss on January 10,  
2 2005, when, while working at the California Institution for Men  
3 in Chino, Correctional Officer Manuel A. Gonzalez, Jr. was stabbed  
4 to death by an inmate; and  
5 WHEREAS, Officer Gonzalez was born on September 15, 1961,  
6 in Los Angeles, California, and grew up in Santa Fe Springs,  
7 California; and  
8 WHEREAS, Officer Gonzalez graduated from Pioneer High  
9 School in 1979 and thereafter attended Rio Hondo College from  
10 1980 to 1982; and

1 WHEREAS, After enlisting in the United States Army, Officer  
2 Gonzalez served in Germany and then in Fort Carson, Colorado,  
3 and was honorably discharged in 1986; and

4 WHEREAS, Hired by the Department of Corrections and  
5 Rehabilitation in 1988, Officer Gonzalez proudly served the  
6 department for 17 years, working at the state prison in Corcoran,  
7 California, until 1993, at the state prison in Lancaster, California,  
8 until 1996, and at the California Institution for Men in Chino,  
9 California, until his death in 2005; and

10 WHEREAS, Considered a consummate professional, Officer  
11 Gonzalez was a well-respected and reliable employee who went  
12 beyond his duties in order to assist other staff members and worked  
13 diligently to make prison facilities more safe; and

14 WHEREAS, A lover of sports, Officer Gonzalez enjoyed  
15 watching NASCAR, the Los Angeles Dodgers, and the University  
16 of Southern California basketball and football teams; and

17 WHEREAS, Officer Gonzalez is remembered by his friends  
18 and family as a loving son, brother, husband, and father; and

19 WHEREAS, Officer Gonzalez is survived by his parents Manuel  
20 and Bertha, his siblings David, Rosalina, and Dela, his children  
21 Mark, Steven, Roxanna, Jessica, Manuel, and Gustavo, his former  
22 wife Sylvia, his fiancée Tonia, and many beloved family members  
23 and friends; and

24 WHEREAS, Officer Gonzalez will be greatly missed by his  
25 family and by all who knew him, and will always be remembered  
26 for his professionalism and dedication to the Department of  
27 Corrections and Rehabilitation; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
29 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
30 portion of State Highway Route 71 between State Highway Route  
31 60 and Central Avenue in San Bernardino County as the  
32 Correctional Officer Manuel A. Gonzalez, Jr. Memorial Highway;  
33 and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
35 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the  
36 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing that  
37 special designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate  
38 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it  
39 further

1     *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
2 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the  
3 author for appropriate distribution.

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